(c) No such specific case has been brought to the notice of Government by the IT software industry.

(d) various measures taken by the Government to check software piracy are enclosed at Statement.

Statement

Various measures taken to curtail software piracy include:

1. In India the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) of software is covered under copyright law, violation of which attracts both fine and punishment.
2. Information Technology Act 2000 has been notified *w. e. f.* 17.10.2000. This act is expected to help in dealing with software piracy and containing the problem.
3. Government has also set-up a copyright Enforcement Advisory Council which reviews the progress of inforcement of copyright act and also advises on measures for its better enforcement.
4. Information Technology Software is exempted from Customs Duty.
5. Government has been supporting Anti-Piracy Campaign of NASSCOM and instructions have also been issued to various Government departments to only use legal copies of software.
6. Use of free software/open source software will also bring down piracy as it is legally permitted to copy the same at no cost.

Rural Postal Life Insurance

2326. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'melasT'camps' were organised by the Department of Posts to sell policies in respect of Rural Postal Life Insurance Scheme in rural areas of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of policies sold in those melas, during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose to give more publicity to popularise the Rural Postal Life Insurance Scheme and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR):

(a) Yes, Sir. 'MelasVcamps' were organised in Rajasthan Circle for procurement of policies of Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI) in rural areas of Rajasthan.

(b) Th details of number of RPLI policies sold in those melas during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise are given in the Statement. (See below)

(c) Yes, Sir. The Department is making publicity vigorously through media (Local News Papers in regional languages), posters, banners, hoarding etc. to popularise the RPLI scheme and also hold more melas to inform the rural people about the benefits of RPLI.

Statement

Details of number of RPLI policies Sold in those melas during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise.

SI. No 1.	Name of District	No. of Policies sold during 1999-2000	No.of Policies sold during 2000-01	No.of Policies sold during 2001-02	No. of Policies sold during 2002-03 753
2.	Alwar	-	-	-	244
3.	Banswara	-	-	-	138
4.	Barmer	-	-	-	282
5.	Bharatpur	41	71	169	522
6.	Bundi	-	-	-	-
7.	Bhilwara	-	-	-	384
8.	Bikaner	-	-	-	48
9.	Chrttorgarh	-	-	-	119
10.	Churu	-	-	-	137
11.	Dausa	-	-	-	-

SI. No. 0	Name of District	No. of Policies sold during 1999-2000	No.of Policies sold during 2000-01	No. of Policies sold during 2001-02	No. of Policies sold during 2002-03
12.	Dhdpur				-
13.	Dungarpur				-
14.	Hanumangarh				-
15.	Jhunjhunu				1055
16.	Jaisalmer				-
17.	Jaipur				29
18.	Jhalawar				-
19.	Jodhpur				16
20.	Jalore				-
21.	Kota				62
22.	Karauli				-
23.	Nagaur				220
24.	Pali				570
25.	Rajamand				365
26.	Sirohi				339
27.	Sikar				666
28.	Sawaimadhopur				49
29.	Sriganganagar				19
30.	Tonk				541
31.	Udaipur				439

Modem telecom facilities in Rajasthan

2327. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Governments consideration to provide modem telecommunication facilities to Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the details of the financial allocations made in this regard for the Tenth Five Year Plan period?